**Possible Mini-Lessons**

This list is not grade level specific, nor are the items listed in any order.  Instead it provides possible issues to address during your writer's workshop.

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| **telling stories**  **putting books together**  **using the stapler**  **one idea on a page**  **using the stapler remover**  **what an author does**  **how an author chooses topics**  **what an illustrator does**  **details in text**  **rules for writer's workshop**  **invented spelling**  **what is a word?**  **space between words**  **left to right progression**  **top to bottom**  **sequencing**  **beginning, middle, end**  **adding information (squeeze it in, using a caret, use an arrow, etc.)**  **covers**  **title page**  **table of contents**  **introductions**  **where to place text**  **about the author page**  **glossaries**  **different kinds of illustrating**  **borders**  **capital letters at beginning of proper nouns**  **creating a mood**  **having voice when writing**  **spelling sight words**  **new speaker/new line**  **possessions**  **plurals**  **ending punctuation marks**  **list vs. story**  **flashbacks**  **abbreviations**  **vocabulary development (using exact words to convey meaning)**  **proof-reading/editing**  **rereading/revising**  **peer conferring**  **important information vs. unimportant** | **capital letters at beginning of sentences**  **phonics**  **endings**  **leads**  **commas after/before "said"**  **use of bubbles in dialogue**  **quotation marks**  **dialogue**  **expressing feelings in writing**  **expressing thoughts in writing**  **letter writing**  **fiction**  **picture stories**  **folktales/legends**  **non-fiction**  **how to books**  **poetry**  **teacher writes and shares the pen**  **point of view**  **chapters**  **pictures in the reader's mind**  **showing rather than telling**  **acknowledging  "retold by"**  **size of print to emphasize volume**  **detailed expressions on faces**  **parts of speech (noun, verb adjective, etc.)**  **focus on a story**  **drafting**  **style of writing**  **vacation stories**  **similes**  **mysteries**  **personification**  **tall tales**  **fractured fairy tales**  **alliteration**  **variety of language**  **new paragraph when speaker changes**  **develop character**  **verb tense agreement**  **paragraphing**  **use of italicizing words**  **contraction**  **variety in presentations (pop-ups, collage, etc.)**  **synonym and antonyms** |